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NO 13

WERE CAUGHT IN A FACTORY FIRE

And 150 Working Girls
Burned to Death.

GROSS CARELESSNESS CAUSE

Most Frightful Holocaust of
Recent Years—An Invest-
igation Started.

A RAIN OF FLESH AND BLOOD

New York, March 25.—Criminal negligence cost the estimated lives of 150 wage earners, mostly women, who were trapped on the top floors of a ten-story factory here late this evening. There were 500 in the building, and they had to choose between burning and leaping.

Three jumped and escaped; others were crushed.

Some escaped after they reached the stairways and elevators. The firemen and spectators were unable to aid.

Because the building was in the "high pressure district," and had exterior walls of stone, it had but one fire escape. That was an "inside exit," reaching to the seventh floor. The three upper floors were occupied by the Triangle Waist company, manufacturers of women's shirtwaists, and employing 750 persons.

Fire Chief Croker places the responsibility on the city building department.

Shortly after 4:30 p. m. the students of the professional school of the New York University were startled by a crash of glass.

Immediately the first body fell, a young girl, apparently 17. Ten more followed.

Windows were filled with shrieking men and women.

Smoke and fire were pouring from the eighth floor, and nearly all on that floor jumped.

Usually the clothing was burned from their bodies before they struck the street. The first company that arrived had nets spread, and the chief ordered the women to jump one at a time, but mad with fear, three jumped simultaneously, which tore the net, rendering it useless.

Extension ladders reached the sixth floor, and firemen scaling the ladders were driven back by the fire. Scores of engines and thousands of spectators poured into Washington square. Women fainted and shrieked, and men wept and prayed as the bodies struck the street.

From one side 15 jumped simultaneously, and 14 were instantly killed. The 15th girl, aged 17, was taken from the pile an hour after, alive, but badly hurt. The nets were useless, and the bodies crushed through.

One woman's dress caught on an awning stanchion, and her body hung in the air, a living torch, until her clothing was burned away and she fell to the ground.

Two elevators, run by Joseph Zito and John Gregory, made a number of trips to the upper floors through the smoke. The flames finally crowded Gregory's elevator to the bottom of the shaft, and compelled him to desert it. As he left, six bodies struck his car. Zito made one more trip and got 20. The abandoned ones slid down the cable till their hands were burned, so they had to let go.

When there was no chance to save more lives, the firemen attacked the flames, and in two hours had them under control.

The bodies in the streets were covered with a tarpaulin. The injured were rushed to hospitals. The cause of the fire is doubtful. It is believed to have started from the explosion of a gasoline engine in the Triangle plant, based on the statements of the elevator men, that they heard an explosion. Harris and Blank, partners in the firm, deny this, and say it was caused by a spark from a heated pulley.

Relatives of the dead and injured rushed to the scene, crying and praying, and tried to break through the lines. Realizing that they must be cruel to be kind, the police forced them back. Many fainted.

When the fire was under control the building was searched. In the bottom of the "inside escape" were

found a number of bodies, 30 in all being taken out, all being burned to a crisp.

On the ninth floor, piled against closed elevator doors, charred and nude bodies were found. It had been a struggle of the strong against the weak. All had been smothered. Blank and Harris, partners, were the last to leave the building. They tried to force an organized escape, but were unable to do so. Blank's family is thought to be in the ruins. Harris says most of the employees were Italians. Harris has collapsed.

District Attorney Whitman and a corps of investigators questioned everybody who could throw any light on the tragedy. Whitman said he was convinced that the holocaust was due to criminal carelessness.

One hundred and twenty-eight bodies had been taken to the morgue up to 11 o'clock to-night. There were then seven bodies remaining on the ninth floor, according to Chief Croker, who directed the work of removal. Three victims died at St. Vincent's hospital and three at Bellevue. One girl suffering minor injuries is insane from shock. There are still a number of bodies in the basement, but it will be impossible to tell how many till the water is pumped out. The subcellar is filled with water waist deep. It will be an all night's task pumping it out. The police estimate 150 lives lost and firemen say the number may reach 175.

The old covered dock of the department of charities was converted into a morgue. For hours vehicles bearing bodies rolled up before it, the bodies were carried inside and friends and relatives of the dead, who are mostly Italians, crowded outside. Force was necessary to restrain the crowd. Late to-night the police permitted the crowd to begin filing slowly through to examine the bodies, which were made as presentable as possible, and lay covered with sheets. In most cases ornaments only were the methods of identification.

PRAIRIES OF THE WEST PILED HIGH WITH SNOW

Omaha, Neb., March 28.—What promises to be the worst blizzard of the year struck Nebraska to-day and is rapidly sweeping eastward and southward. Already the snow is piled high on the prairies and railroad traffic to the north and west is seriously impeded.

The temperature has dropped steadily since 3 o'clock this afternoon, and within three hours registered a fall of 40 degrees. At 2 o'clock to-day there were no clouds and the temperature stood 70 degrees above zero. Shortly after a cool wind came from the north and before night a blinding blizzard of sleet and snow was raging.

At Neligh, Neb., three feet of snow fell during the day and Northwest-ern train are having trouble getting through the drifts. In that portion of the State telegraph and telephone wires are seriously interfered with.

Across the State line in South Dakota the storm is even worse than in Nebraska, the snow being the deepest of the year. The entire Black Hills are covered with snow and ice.

In southern Nebraska little snow fell, the moisture taking the form of a heavy rain. The snow is confined to the district north of the Platte. Winter wheat will be immensely benefitted by the snow and rain and plowing for corn will be expedited.

Local Talent Organized.

The Hartford Players Club is the name of the local talent company that has been organized in this city. They intend to give a play every few weeks and this new enterprise will be welcomed by every amusement loving person. They will give their first play, "The Face at the Window," at Dr. Bean's opera house Friday night. Those composing the company are: Misses Winona Stevens, Beatrice Haynes, Bessie Taylor and Nora Wedding; Messrs. Martin Thomas, Ellis Foster, Otto Martin and J. Ney Foster.

Judge Williams Killed.

Henderson, Ky., March 24.—J. Thad Williams, aged 67 years, police judge of Robards, Henderson county, Ky., was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon by falling from a barn on his farm. Every bone in his body was broken. He had been police judge only a few months. He was a prominent citizen of Henderson county. He leaves a wife and five children.

A FINE TRIBUTE TO JUDGE REED

From One Who Knows and
Was Raised With Him.

IS RICH IN LEGAL LEARNING

Clean in Public and Private
Life—A Leader in Gen-
eral Assembly.

FINE SPECIMEN OF MANHOOD

The Bowling Green Messenger says: The Paducah News-Democrat, his home paper, contains the formal announcement of the candidacy of Judge William M. Reed for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Kentucky.

Without being in any wise instrumental in the plan of bringing Judge Reed into the race, the editor of the Messenger desires to commend his candidacy to the good people of the Third-Congressional District.

Down in Jackson's Purchase, where both Judge Reed and the editor of the Messenger were raised, in the homely vernacular of the people, we call him "Bill," and it is likely that when he is nominated and elected there will be those who will stick to the familiar cognomen. But we desire to say that he is no counterfeit Bill. He is as genuine and as clean a Bill as was ever issued from God's treasury department.

Rich in legal learning, ripe in the experience of men who fight for principle, honest by nature and by a life of practice, clean in his private life and in his public career, he is eminently fitted to adorn the Governor's chair. Judge Reed never trimmed in any political gale. He always had his views on political questions and never hesitated to express them, whether they were popular or unpopular with the populace. As a member of the General Assembly, he was a leader. In the practice of his profession, he was ethical. As a Judge on the bench, he was as fair as he was firm. In the very height of what is called the night rider dispute, he was never known to swerve a hair from what was right.

In the very bloom of a vigorous manhood, in the full possession of his bodily and mental faculties, without any entanglements with political factions, without any promises to State politicians, he can enter the race unhampered and unpledged.

Moreover, if he is elected Governor, he will be a Governor that we need not be ashamed of. From Gotham to the Golden Gate, from Maine to Mexico, every Kentuckian can hold up his head proudly and say to all inquirers: "The name of our Governor is Judge William M. Reed, formerly of the city of Paducah."

Judge Reed does not know of this article. He owes the Messenger not a cent for it. All that we shall require of him when he takes his seat is that he shall be as unlike our present Chief Executive as the Lord will let him be.

Dies at Irvington.

Cloverport, Ky., March 25.—Mrs. Lydia M. Jolly, 54 years old, died after a week's illness of pneumonia at her home in Irvington. She was the wife of the late Senator R. M. Jolly, and one of the best beloved women in Breckinridge county. Mrs. Jolly leaves four children: Lewis, Edwin, Morris and Claire. She was the daughter of Mrs. W. N. Williams of Mt. Vernon, Ill. The funeral was held to-day.

Died at Barrett's Ferry.

Died at the residence of Lycurgus Barrett, Barrett's Ferry, Ky., March 22, 1911, Samuel Gentry, of tuberculosis, in the 69th year of his age. He was a gallant soldier of the 12th Ky. Cavalry and after the war went West and lived for about 27 years. Since his return he has made his home with his sister, Mrs. Lycurgus Barrett. After appropriate services by Rev. Henry W. Morton, his remains were laid to rest in the Gentry cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

Aviator Louis Breguet carried eleven passengers two miles in a monoplane in France. This performance broke the record.

CABINET OF DIAZ QUITS IN A BODY

Resignations Handed in
After Conference.

ALL MEMBERS OF OSLER CLASS

Believe It is a Movement To-
wards Eventual Retire-
ment of Diaz.

LIMANTOUR ONLY IS REMAINING

Mexico City, March 24.—The Diaz cabinet resigned in a body at a special meeting of that board to-day. The President deferred action upon the resignations.

The reason given for the action in an official announcement is the belief that it will contribute to the re-establishment of peace and facilitate the reforms contemplated.

Enrique C. Creel, Minister of Foreign Relations, presented the resignations in behalf of all the ministers. Diaz thanked the retiring members for their efficient and patriotic co-operation in the past and announced he would postpone his acceptance or rejection until later.

The resignations include that of Ramon Corral, as minister of department on government, corresponding to department of interior in United States, but not as vice president.

Not one of the men who, until to-day, formed President Diaz's cabinet is less than sixty-five years of age, and a number of them are much older. With the exception of Enrique C. Creel, all have been members of the President's official family for a great many years, and this fact alone has been one of the grievances of the revolutionists, who insisted that the chief executive should surround himself with representatives of the younger generation, men more closely in touch with the affairs of the people.

Following are those whose resignations were received:

Enrique C. Creel, Minister of Foreign Relations.

Ramon Corral, Minister of the Interior.

Jose Yves Limantour, Minister of Finance.

Olegario Molina, Minister of Fomento.

Justo Herrera, Minister of Education.

Manuel Gonzales Consilio, Minister of War and Marine.

Leandro Fernandez, Minister of Public Works and Communications.

Justino Fernandez, Minister of Justice.

Without exception, these men have contributed valuable services to their country and to the President, but popular feeling against them has been growing steadily since long before the beginning of the revolution. Jose Yves Limantour, who, it is reported, will be the only cabinet member to remain, is old, but is still regarded as one of the shrewdest and most able men in the republic.

The three men against whom the masses have cried "old age" are Leandro Fernandez, Justino Fernandez and Gen. Consilio. It is an open secret that for the past few years their duties have been materially lightened on that account.

News that the cabinet had resigned spread rapidly throughout the city, and in all quarters elicited favorable comment. Many, however, would not go so far as to repeat the note of optimism sounded in the official statement of resignations that the retirement of the present ministers would entirely quiet the present discontent throughout the country.

Penalty to Soon Go On.

The taxes recently levied by the City Council of Hartford, are now due and I am ready to collect same. The penalty goes on April 1st. Please do not neglect the matter, but get ready to pay now in order to avoid the penalty. SAM F. RILEY, 10tf. Marshal.

HE SOLVED THE PROBLEM BY A DESPERATE ACT

Chicago, March 24.—Already fallen far behind his playmates with whom he had entered school, and fearing that he would be unable to pass even the simple examination required of seventh-grade young-

sters, Willie Shiel, fifteen-year-old son of Patrick Shiel, a wealthy contractor of Lake Forest, solved the grave problem of education to-day by ending his life.

Playing "hooky" for the first time in several fruitless years of endeavor in the class room, the boy stole back into his bedroom while the school bells were ringing, and sent a bullet through his brain.

A note, scrawled on a bit of wrapping paper, told the story of the losing battle.

"Father, forgive me," ran the note. "I couldn't get along at school. I tried my best and I couldn't learn."

"First, I bought poison, but I was afraid to take it. Father, you forgive me and ask my playmates to forgive me. I know God will forgive me. He will understand what I have been up against."

GENERAL ORDERS FOR MILITARY INSPECTION

General orders have been sent out from the Adjutant General's office in Frankfort by Acting Adjutant-General E. B. Bassett, directing that the organized State militia be inspected. The order includes all of the companies of the State. The inspection dates for Western Kentucky follow: Owensboro, April 4, Company C, Third Infantry.

Henderson, April 5, battalion headquarters and Company B, Third Infantry.

Marion, April 6, Company K, Third Infantry.

Madisonville, April 7, battalion headquarters and Company, Third Infantry.

Hopkinsville, April 10, headquarters band and Company D, Third Infantry.

Bowling Green, April 11, battalion headquarters and Company A, Third Infantry.

Calhoun, April 12, Company M, Third Infantry.

Hartford, April 13, Company H, Third Infantry.

JUDGE BIRKHEAD HOLDS COURT AT MAYFIELD

Judge Birkhead will hold a special term of court at Mayfield, Graves county, during this week. Judge Birkhead received a telegram Saturday night telling him that Governor Wilson was desirous of having him hold the Graves county court.

Judge William Reed, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, has been presiding as special judge at Mayfield.

Judge Birkhead took final adjournment in the Daviess Circuit Court Saturday noon, after having presided over this term for the past four weeks, but still he notified the Governor that if his services were needed, he would gladly respond.

PRAISE FOR JUDGE REED —THE FARMER'S FRIEND

The Owensboro Messenger says: J. D. Jeffrey, one of the best known farmers of the Eastern part of the county, was in Owensboro Saturday evening the praises of Judge William Reed, of Paducah, a candid nomination. Mr. Jeffrey at one date for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Mr. Jeffrey at one time and is a personal friend of Judge Reed. He declared that Judge Reed is "big enough to be President of the United States" and added that "he would make a good President, too."

Mr. Jeffrey said that he was especially anxious for Judge Reed to speak in Owensboro, as he wanted all of the farmers of Daviess county to hear him. He said that the Paducah jurist is the kind of a man the farmers have been looking for to place in the Governor's chair.

Meeting of Co. H, 3rd K. N. G. Company H will meet for reorganization at the armory in Hartford Saturday, April 1, 1911, at 7 o'clock p. m. All vacancies will be filled. The company will be recruited up to a war footing. Any one desiring to become a member of the company should report on this date. The service for the summer will be attractive.

Every member of the company is required to report on above date. JAMES M. DEWESE, Commanding the Co.

Meetings in Three Counties.

The Green River Tobacco Growers' association held meetings in Hancock, McLean and Ohio counties on Saturday, and elected a board of control for their respective counties, and also selected delegates to attend the district meeting to be held in Owensboro on Thursday, April 6.

MIKADO OF JAPAN SENDS MESSAGE

Of Peace to President of
United States.

SAYS WAR RUMORS ARE FALSE

Expresses Courteous Feelings
of Amity Towards
This Country.

CONVEYED BY BARON UCHIDA

Washington, March 25.—President Taft to-day received a rather remarkable peace message from the Mikado of Japan in response to the assurance conveyed to Baron Uchida, the Japanese Ambassador, at the White House last Wednesday.

The Baron had called apropos of the exchange of ratifications of the treaty recently negotiated with Japan, and the President took occasion to say to him that he placed no credence whatever in the persistent rumors that Japan was surreptitiously preparing to attack the United States, and that so far as this Government is concerned, it had no fear of the war scare that had been doing a lively business in various parts of the country.

Among other things the President specifically mentioned was the report that Japan was quietly negotiating for a naval base in Lower California, and this he emphatically discredited. The Mikado's message to the President was transmitted by the Ambassador this afternoon and reads as follows:

"To the President of the United States of America:

"I was greatly pleased to receive your very kind message conveyed to me through my Ambassador in Washington and I thank you for it. I was already well convinced that you had given no credence to the false and wicked reports regarding Japan, but it was especially a source of profound satisfaction to me to receive from you the assurance that the relations of amity and good understanding between our two countries were never better or more cordial than at this time. I am most happy to be able entirely to reciprocate that assurance.

"MATSUCHITO."

In making the Mikado's message public, the White House had nothing further to say than that it spoke for itself. However, it is the capstone of statements made by high officials of both countries to the effect that the relations of the United States and Japan were as cordial as ever, if not more so than usual.

It would seem that the assurances conveyed from Tokio this afternoon would serve to quiet the apprehensions of such Americans as have been led to believe that there really was ground for the alarmist stories that have been going the rounds.

TWO NEW STATE BANK EXAMINERS APPOINTED

A special from Frankfort says: W. F. Hurt, of Lexington, and Paul C. Spitzer, of Glasgow, were appointed bank examiners by the advisory board of bank examiners which held a meeting in Louisville, Tuesday. The appointments were made public by Secretary of State Ben L. Bruner. The two appointments bring the number of bank inspectors to four in the State. Mr. Hurt was formerly of Owensboro, having been connected first with the Daviess County bank and later with the Mechanics Bank and Trust company.

Home Paper's Boost.

The News-Democrat presents the name of Judge Reed to the Democracy of Kentucky, and with it this paper's assurance that a better selection could not be made from the ranks of the party in the State to lead the united forces to victory in the general election.—[Paducah News-Democrat.

Tobacco Growers to Get Money.

Shelbyville, Ky., March 25.—The Burley Tobacco Society has notified their local agent that a check for \$88,500, the second payment of 20 per cent. on the pooled tobacco of the 1909 crop, may be expected before April 1. About \$30,000 of this amount will go to the banks and the remainder to the growers.